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ALBANIAN 1953 BUDGET PROVISIONS

FOURTH MEETING OF ALBANIAN PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY -- Vil'nyus, Sovetskaya Litva,
31 Mar 53

The Fourth Meeting of the Albanian People's Assembly opened on 28 March 1953. The main topics before the assembly were ratification of the draft of the state budget for 1953, ratification of the code for penal procedure, drafts of amendments to the decree on taxation of incomes of collective organizations and enterprises, additions and amendments to the laws on agricultural taxes, ratification of the decrees of the Presidium of the People's Assembly, and amendments to the regulations concerning composition of higher courts.

Gogo Nushi, Deputy President of the Council of Ministers, made the following report on the budget draft. In 1953, the income will be 11.35 billion leks, and expenditures 11.25 billion leks. The draft provides for an outlay of 5,437,103,000 leks for development of the national economy, or 43 percent more than in 1952. This sum, together with the expenditures for the national economy from local budgets, will amount to 49 percent of the total budget expenditure. Twenty-one percent of the budget is allocated for cultural requirements, 17 percent more than the sum spent in 1952, while 29 percent more is allocated for public health. Ten percent is allotted to defense.

ALBANIAN STATE BUDGET APPROVED -- Sofia, Rabotnichesko Delo, 1 Apr 53

In its sessions on 29 and 30 March 1953, the Albanian People's Assembly discussed the budget draft for 1953.

Adil Carcani, Minister of Industry, announced that credits for the needs of industry would be increased 30 percent; 150 million leks would be allotted to housing in industrial centers.

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Pilo Peristeri, Chairman of the Central Trade Union Committee, stated that the draft budget was in complete accord with the aspirations and interests of the working class. He added that in 1951, 90 percent of the workers took part in competitions. More than 26,700 workers earned the title of leading worker and more than 4,000 became Stakhanovites. The workers took part in the movement to apply improved Soviet methods and to introduce innovations.

Medar Shtylla, Minister of Health, pointed out that the party and government took excellent care of the health of the worker. He stated that the 1953 budget allotted 599,500,000 leks for public health, an increase of 24 percent over 1952.

Bedri Spahiu, Minister of Education, spoke on the favorable conditions for education in Albania. He said that 5.2 percent of the total 1953 budget was to be devoted to education, while the amount allotted to cultural and political educational facilities was to be 13.4 percent of the budget, an increase of 28.5 percent over the amount allotted in the 1952 budget.

At the meeting on 31 March 1953, the budget was unanimously approved.

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